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Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Weekly Newsheet

21 & 28 December 2025 *Your local Town Centre Church bringing God's love to the heart of the community". If you are joining us for the first time, please make yourself at home and stay for tea or coffee which is served at the end of the morning service. Here you will have the opportunity to talk to members of the congregation who will be happy to answer any questions .*

Sundays 21 & 28 Dec

- 21 Dec 10.00 Service preparation
 11.00am Special Family Christmas
 Service including items by **EXPLORERS**
- 24 Dec 4.00pm Crib Service – see advert
- 25 Dec Christmas Day 11.00am Family Service
 - Bring a present to 'show & tell'
- 28 Dec 11.00 Joint Big Sing Christmas Service
 with Rev Alexandra Terrett

It would be appreciated if mobile phones are turned off or put in silent mode. Thank you
Care Team If you would like someone to talk to or to pray with in confidence, representatives from our Care Team are available at each service. They can be identified by their red badges.

Future Service

- 4 Jan 2026 11.00 Covenant Service with
 Rev Alexandra Terrett
 11.00 **EXPLORERS**



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| Mon 22/12 | Daytime Hub closed until Monday 5 January | Community Centre | |
| | Warm Welcome coffee - last until Monday 5 January | Foyer | 1000-1200 |
| | Sisterhood - returns 12 January | Foyer | |
| | Badminton - returns 5 Jan | Wesley Hall | |
| Tue 23/12 | SUN Group (Kent & Medway NHS - Service user Network) returns 6 January | Foyer | |
| Wed 24/12 | Daytime Hub closed until Monday 5 January | Wesley Hall | |
| | Warm Welcome coffee -returns 7 January | Foyer | |
| | Crib Service - see advert | Church | 1600 |
| Thur 25/12 | MIND Group closed until 8 January | Foyer | |
| | Christmas Day Family Service | Church | 1100 |
| Fri 26/12 & 2/1 | Daytime Hub closed until Monday 5 January | Community Centre | |
| | Street Pastors Support & Prayer | Jubilee Room | 2130-0230 |
| Sat 27/12 & 3/1 | 'babyballet' returns 10 January | Wesley Hall | |
| | Foodbank | Reception | 1000-1200 |
| Sun 28/12 | Joint BIG SING Service | Church | 1100 |

Socks & Chocs

It's a 'thank you' from the Methodist Whitechapel Mission, London, for the 90 socks & chocs and the knitted blankets which Robert Hardy took there from last Sunday's gift service.



Thank you to those who came to the Gravesend Borough Band "sing along concert" in our church on Sunday 14 Dec. It was an enjoyable event which raised £160 split between the band and church funds.

Christmas giving.

When considering your Christmas presents, perhaps you could bear the church in mind. Recent unexpected expenditure is:- Replacing the outside door to the graveyard - £1428, boiler controls £516, basement drainage lift pump repairs £123, emergency lights and outside light replacement £435. Thank you to the member who funded painting of the first-floor toilet. Kate Hardy- our Church Treasurer - would love to receive any gifts - email kateahardy16@gmail.com. (In 2026 we expect to spend over £75,000 on our property so we need all the funds which we can get).

The Christmas card post rack is again at the front of the church this Christmas.

If you prefer to send a single Christmas card to our church and make a donation to a charity of your choice, please put a card on the red board at the front of the church.

Gravesham Foodbank

Our stocks are VERY LOW. This week our needs for our Saturday Foodbank are: Baked Beans, Cook in Sauces, Tinned Tomatoes, Breakfast Cereals, Fruit Juice as well as mixed donations please. Thank you for your continued support.

Toy Service 2025

A message from our local womens refuge following delivering the 7 sacks of toys etc. from the recent Toy Service:-

This donation will support so many, so a huge thank you to all those who kindly donated to Oasis domestic abuse service.

Tonya Bullen, Senior Housing & Accommodations Practitioner

Minister - Rev Alexandra Terrett- Email a.terrett@btinternet.com (Alex's day off is Friday)

Senior Church Steward - Sheila Allison Email sheila_allison@btinternet.com **Pastoral matters**-Joyce Woodcraft Email joyceatlast@talktalk.net

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www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk

Community Centre Manager - Vicki Clarke Tel 328249

Bookings - For hall & room bookings please contact Vicki Clarke - Community Centre Manager tel. 328249

Weekly Notice Sheet Editor - for the next edition' is **Eric Davis**. All items for the news sheet should be with Eric by 12 noon on New Year's Eve please. Email eric@ehdavis.me.uk

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